(5) of Article 148 of the Constitution and also with reference to rule 4(B) of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1955. In 1962, the Supreme Court had struck down rule 4(B) of the said conduct Rules. It is only on this account that the Recognition Rules, 1959 were treated by the Central Government *suo-moto* as "inoperative".

(b) and (c) Fresh Rules for granting Recognition to Service Associations of the Central Government employees are expected to be finalised soon.

Revision of reserved constituencies

2005 SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to revise the number, extent and area of the existing reserved constituencies of Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be entrusted to the delimitation commission;

(c) whether Government propose to rotate the reserved constituencies within the State and if so, by when it is likely to be done; and

(d) whether Government have any plans to introduce any legislation in this regard in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) and (d) The proposal for rotation of reserved seats is linked with the proposal for delimitation of Constituencies. The Government propose to discuss these proposals with political parties before arriving at a final decision. The question of legislation will arise only after the discussions are over and a final decision in the matter has been taken

Child marriages

2006. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that child marriages continue to take place in the country in spite of the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act;

(b) whether Government propose to make these provisions more effective and empower the local police officials with sufficient authority to effectively intervene and stop such child marriages; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No proposal to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 is under consideration. The Act was last amended in 1978 with a view to provide that offences under the Act shall be cognizable for the purpose of investigation and for all matters other than matters referred to in section 42 of the Criminal Procedure Code (arrest on refusal to give name and residence) and the arrest of a person without a warrant or without an order of the magistrate. Thus, sufficient power and authority exist under the Act to deal with offences under the Act.

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